"(b) The schemes which will benefit the Nellore district are as follows:—

(1) Rallapad Irrigation Scheme—Second stage.

(2) Establishment of a block glass plant at Gudur.

(3) Vattambedu Salvage Scheme.

The Salvage Scheme is already functioning and the other two schemes are in progress."

Number of deaths in jails in 1951.

* 787 *Q.*—Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons, if any, for the increase in the number of deaths in jails in 1951 over that in 1950; and

(*b*) whether the increase of sickness in jails from 242·53 to 281·77 from 1950 to 1951 is due to want of proper medical attendance or due to any other reason or reasons?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"(*a*) The increase in the mortality rate was due to an increased number of deaths due to Myocarditis in 1951 and also due to the fact that most of the prisoners were anaemic and debilitated and some of them old aged at the time of admission to Jails.

"(*b*) The increase in the incidence of sickness in Jails in 1951 was not due to want of proper medical attendance but due to the fact that most of the prisoners were in a poor and neglected state of health at the time of admission and some of them had chronic diseases and required hospitalization in the Jail even from the time of admission."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"Sir, is it a fact that most of these prisoners suffer from some sickness or other because they are supplied with mixed diet which they are unable to relish?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"It is not a fact, Sir."

Sri P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR:—"May I know whether these deaths include any case of suicide and whether the health of the prisoners improves or decreases after admission to the jails?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"Decidedly it improves."

Sri K. RAJAGOPALA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, what steps the Government have taken to arrest the increasing sickness and to provide proper medical facilities to the prisoners?"

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—"Every arrangement is being made, Sir."

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM:—"Out the total cases of mortality, how many are due to shooting and lathi-charge and torture by the jail officials?"

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" A separate question may be put, Sir, because this covers a period wherein nothing of that sort has happened."

Value of timber removed from Government forests.

* 788 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cubic feet of timber removed by contractors from Government forests in 1951-52;

(*b*) the value of the timber removed, reckoned at the prevailing market rates; and

(*c*) the lease amount realized by the Government for the removal of the timber mentioned in (*a*)?

THE HON. DR. NAGAN GOUDA:—" (*a*) 1,581,879 cubic feet.

" (*b*) Rs. 46,25,273, and

" (*c*) 24,86,333."

District Munsifs.

* 789 *Q.*—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the number of District Munsifs recruited directly from the Bar and the number recruited from services since 1st January 1948 and how many of them are Harijans, and how many qualified Harijans had applied?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" Since 1948, 125 candidates have been appointed regularly as District Munsifs of whom 26 were selected from among war service candidates, 81 were recruited directly from the Bar and 18 from among service candidates. Only three qualified Harijans had applied and they were selected."

SRI M. CHADAYAN:— " സാർ, എന്നാണ് അവസാനമായി സർവീസ് കമ്മീഷൻ മുൻസീഫ്മാരെ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളത് ? അതിന്നശേഷം ഹൈക്കോടതി താല്ക്കാലികമായി ഈ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരെ എത്രപേരെ നിശ്ചയിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിൽ എത്ര പേരും ഹരിജനങ്ങളുണ്ട് ? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member is putting a series of questions. He must put only one question at a time."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:—" വേറെ ഒരു ചോദ്യം തന്നാൽ അതിന്നു ഉത്തരം പറയാം. ഇതിൽ പെട്ടതല്ല ആ ചോദ്യം. "

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Government consider the desirability of recruiting the District Munsifs through the Public Service Commission instead of through the Judicial authorities?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR:— " I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood the position. The recruitment of District Munsifs can be made only through the Public Service Commission and it is done like that only."